



Section of Van Buren Boulevard Bridge Closure

RIVERSIDE, Calif. –Van Buren Boulevard from Jurupa Avenue in the city of Riverside north to Clay Street will be closed overnight due to problems with wooden scaffolding being used to construct a new bridge over the Santa Ana River.

The northbound lanes of that stretch of the boulevard had been closed since Wednesday morning due to a 10-foot wide sinkhole that has now been filled, said Riverside county Transportation Director Juan Perez.

The southbound lanes, which had been closed due to flooding, were reopened to traffic at 11:15 a.m. Perez said the southbound lanes would be closed again at about 3 p.m. and would remain closed overnight.

Perez said the temporary wooden supports, which are used in pouring concrete for the new bridge, have been battered by strong river currents and debris such as trees and branches being carried downstream.

Perez said inspectors would be out at first daylight Thursday to determine if that section of Van Buren Boulevard can be reopened to traffic.

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